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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lung cancer kills, on average, 158,000 Americans
3 every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, While smoking is the most common cause of lung
5 cancer, secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and
6 genetic disorders have also long been known to cause lung
7 cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization's International
9 Agency for Research on Cancer recently added outdoor air
10 pollution and particulate matter to the growing list of air
11 pollutants known to cause lung cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens,
13 e.g. cigarette smoke, asbestos, air pollution, etc., is the
14 best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always avoid
15 them because they are so widespread; and

16 WHEREAS, The 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only
17 about 17%, among the lowest of all types of cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer
19 greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not
20 diagnosed until later stages; and

1 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of lung cancer using low-dose CT
2 scans has shown promise in a high risk population, but is not
3 yet a generally accepted cancer screening method in the United
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately 72,000
6 American women will die of lung cancer in 2014, accounting for
7 26% of all female deaths due to cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Someone in the United States is told that he or
9 she has lung cancer every 2 1/2 minutes; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate August 1,
12 2014 as World Lung Cancer Day in the State of Illinois in order
13 to raise awareness of this growing health risk.